

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An implant for sustained drug release comprising:
a pharmacologically acceptable biodegradable polymer which is degraded at the
site of implantation, wherein said biodegradable polymer comprises at least about 20
5 weight percent of the implant;
a therapeutically active agent at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of
the implant;
a release modulator at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of the
implant;
10 wherein said therapeutically active agent is released within a therapeutic dosage
which does not vary by more than about 100% for a period of at least about 3 days.
2. An implant according to Claim 1, wherein said release modulator is a
hydrophilic entity and said therapeutically active agent is a hydrophobic entity.
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3. An implant according to Claim 2, wherein said release modulator is
hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
4. An implant according to Claim 1, wherein said release modulator is a
20 hydrophobic entity and said therapeutically active agent is a hydrophilic entity.
5. An implant according to Claim 1, wherein said release modulator is a
therapeutically active agent.
- 25 6. An implant according to Claim 5, wherein said active agent is a steroid
and said release modulator is a water soluble antibiotic.

7. An implant according to Claim 5, wherein said active agent is a non-steroidal antiinflammatory drug and said release modulator is a water soluble antibiotic.

8. An amplant according to Claim 1, wherein said biodegradable polymer
5 is poly-lactate glycolic acid copolymer.

9. An implant for sustained drug release comprising:
poly-lactate glycolic acid copolymer at a concentration of at least about 20
weight percent of the implant;
10 methotrexate at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of the implant;
ciprofloxin at a concentration from 10 to 50 weight percent of the implant;
wherein said methotrexate is released within a therapeutic dosage which does
not vary by more than about 100% for a period of at least about 3 days.

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